

**KC-FEB Veterans Affairs Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**February 16, 2017 – 1:30 PM (Thursday)**  
**Location – National Archives and Records Administration**  
**400 West Pershing Road**  
**Kansas City, Missouri 64108**

ITEM	<u>DISCUSSION</u>	<u>ACTION/ASSIGNMENT/POC</u> If/As Applicable
Opening / Sign In		
Attendees	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div> <u>In-Person:</u> Greg Giese  Alan Edmonds  Dennis Branson  Joe Boyd  Lorelei Schieferdecker  James White  AJ Mooney  Dr. Cynthia Sheppard - Speaker  Emily Marrin – Speaker  Chip Hillesheim </div> <div> <u>Call-In Line:</u> James Dixon  Vanessa Thomson  James Edwards  Mackenzie Smith  Darrel Davis  April Hancock-Oswald  Glenn Lloyd  Jeffery Winters  Deborah Schouten </div> <div> Lauren Ray  Michael Ciliege </div> </div>	N/A
Introductions		
<b>1. GUEST SPEAKERS</b>		
<b>a. <u>Speaker One</u></b> Dr. Cynthia Sheppard Emily Marrin Joe Boyd	<u>Kansas City Women's Chorus</u> The 100 member Women's chorus will celebrate Women's History month in March with a concert called "We can Do it" which will celebrate women who took on non-traditional roles during WWII. The concert will be in Hangar 1 next to the TWA museum at the Charles Wheeler Downtown Airport. The group will also honor the still living area Rosie the Riveters during the 2 <sup>nd</sup> act and will also feature the Kansas City Girl's Chorus in the first act of the show. The event will be March 24 <sup>th</sup> at 8pm and march 25 <sup>th</sup> at 4pm. The group is still looking for military vehicles to have on hand, especially WWI era jeeps and other vehicles. They are also looking for a color guard to participate in their 2 <sup>nd</sup> act. Board member James White mentioned the ROTC color	Contact Info: Kansas City Women's Chorus 205 W. 65 <sup>th</sup> St. Suite 200 Kansas City, Mo 64113 Dr. Cindy Sheppard 785-424-3441 <a href="http://www.kcwomenschorus.org">www.kcwomenschorus.org</a> cindy.sheppard@kcwomenschorus.org

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	<p>guard at Lee's Summit North may be an option for them and would follow-up after the meeting for any contact info, etc. Any other related support or additions to their event would also be welcome.</p> <p><u>Other Discussion:</u> In discussing other WWII era honoring events, it was mentioned that in April, a B-25 History project was having a reunion and possible Air-show and there would be more info to come. The dates are April 12<sup>th</sup> &amp; 13<sup>th</sup>. Dan Desko is the POC and it is possible that the last remaining Doolittle bomber pilot could be there as well. <a href="http://b-25history.org/index.htm">http://b-25history.org/index.htm</a></p>		
<b>2. OLD BUSINESS</b>			
<b>a. Minutes</b>	Minutes of 1/26/17 Meeting were approved with the following change: It was clarified that enrollment for the affordable care act ended on Jan. 31 <sup>st</sup> .	AJ Mooney	
<b>b. Committee Positions</b>	<p><u>Nominations for the Program Coordinators</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Community Outreach Resources – Donna Mayfield had been nominated in January. She was approved at this meeting.</li> <li>- KC Veteran Career &amp; resource Fair – no previous nominations. Chip Hillesheim was nominated and approved at this meeting. The group discussed still having a VA committee member assist him in this.</li> </ul> <p>Both Donna Mayfield and Chip Hillesheim were approved. There were none opposed.</p>	N/A	
<b>3. PROGRAM COORDINATOR REPORTS</b>			
<b>a. Discounts &amp; Updates</b>	No program updates were given in February due to the restructuring of the committee.	N/A	

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<b>4. NEW BUSINESS</b>			
<b>a.</b> Kansas City Veteran Career & Resource Fair.	Unsure of status for 2017. Greg has reached out to the Mayor pro tem for status but has heard nothing yet.	Greg Giese will continue to monitor for status/updates.	
<b>b.</b> Informational Inquiry	Dean Danekas (FEBVAC member) had asked for information concerning Intern programs for Veterans, such as Veterans rehabilitation. Specifically, are there any programs where Veterans can be interns at no cost to the gaining agency/organizations? A number of VA programs were discussed. Chip Hillesheim will send additional information to Greg Giese who will then distribute it.	Chip Hillesheim / Greg Giese	
<b>c.</b> Direction of the FEBVAC	<p>The group had a discussion about what's been going on at KC-FEBVA since November. Some key points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- A focus on picking certain projects to support as opposed to just information sharing.</li> <li>- It was discussed as to whether there could be a FEB-VA Veterans Day program. Greg will discuss this with Larry Hisle and the FEB next week.</li> <li>- Projects and emphasis for 2017 are (1) Tiny Homes or Habitat for Humanity, (2) KC Veteran Career &amp; Resource Fair, &amp; (3) Stand-down.</li> <li>- Still intending to do outreach but focused internally on the federal government. The committee discussed FEB sponsored information seminars as an example. Human Resources and special Veteran hiring authorities were used as specific examples of possible internal information sharing/outreach. Each Federal agency seems to apply VRA, VEOA, etc., differently resulting in many questions. The hiring freeze was also discussed and whether someone from OPM would be a good speaker. Greg Giese mentioned that he would speak with Jason of OPM and send out the latest OPM guidance concerning the hiring freeze.</li> <li>- Meeting guidelines were discussed. The January Meeting minutes have the new guidelines which were put in place to help keep meetings on track.</li> </ul>	N/A	

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<b>d.</b> Supporting the United Way	Similar to our committee's last couple of meetings, the United Way has been determining what they want to do in the coming year. Greg Giese has a tentative combined meeting schedule but is not sure if having combined meetings is beneficial. The committee discussed the purpose of the combined meetings. Could they have a more focused purpose? We may not need the entire two committees combined to achieve support. The two groups could support one another through representation and communication pathways without full combination meetings. It also seems that the previous combined meetings were dominated by our committee. The committee will continue to discuss this topic at future meetings.	N/A	
<b>e.</b> Communication: FEBVAC Members FEBVAC Distribution List FEBVAC Attendees	Committee communication methods were discussed and how to best have info sent out. Distribution lists vs membership lists. Guest speakers may not want to be added to the distribution list. There are people who may only want emails and some may not want the emails at all. We want to limit the emails but still try and get info out. The group discussed sending out a request for feedback as to what level of communication individuals want. There is a member list with appointed committee members and there has also been an attendee list. The committee also discussed the best ways to distribute job announcements, etc., as well as which job announcements should or should not be sent out (Hallmark, for example does not have any Veteran centric hiring programs and so should not be distributed via the FEBVAC.  Does the KC FEB have a share point or some collective portal or site that the FEBVAC could use? The group discussed the issues with such a site due to the interagency realities of the committee. Greg Giese will ask Larry Hisle about this possibility.	Greg Giese	
<b>5. Other Action Items</b>			
<b>a.</b> Solicitation for Recommendations	Attendees were asked to send in any recommendations or thoughts concerning the changes or info from the last couple of months. Feedback can be sent to Greg Giese and/or AJ Mooney at <a href="mailto:Gregory.j.giese@usda.gov">Gregory.j.giese@usda.gov</a> & <a href="mailto:alfred.mooney@va.gov">alfred.mooney@va.gov</a> , respectively.	All members: (submissions are due 3-2-17).	

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<b>NEXT MEETING:</b>	<b>March 16, 2017 at 1:30 pm. National Archives and Records Administration Facility:</b> Open to Public. Meetings for the months of April, May, and June will be requested and confirmed in March.	